

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 97-152-C - ORDER NO. 1999-571
AUGUST 10, 1999

IN RE: Application of Tel-Link, L.L.C. (formerly) ORDER GRANTING
Tel-Link of South Carolina, L.L.C.) for a) FLEXIBLE
Certificate of Public Convenience and) REGULATORY
Necessity to Provide Intrastate Local and) TREATMENT FOR
Long Distance Resale Telecommunications) LOCAL SERVICES
Services within the State of South Carolina.)

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This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) on the request of Tel-Link, L.L.C. (“Tel-Link”) for flexible regulatory treatment of its local telecommunications services comparable to that authorized for NewSouth Communications by Order No. 98-165 in Docket No. 97-467-C. Tel-Link requests that the Commission adopt for Tel-Link’s competitive intrastate local exchange services a rate structure incorporating maximum rate levels with the flexibility for adjustment below the maximum rate levels. Further, Tel-Link requests that its local exchange service tariff filings be presumed valid upon filing, subject to the Commission’s right within thirty (30) days to institute an investigation of the tariff filing, in which case the tariff filing would be suspended pending further Order of the Commission; and that any such tariff filings will be subject to the same monitoring process as similarly situated competitive local exchange carriers.

The Commission’s Executive Director instructed the Staff to publish a Notice of Filing of Tel-Link’s request through the Commission’s Subscription Service. The

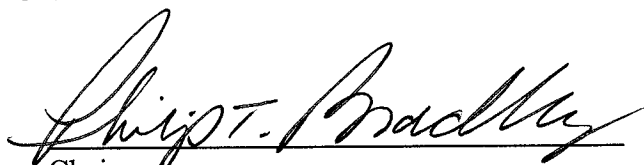
purpose of the Notice of Filing was to inform the interested parties of Tel-Link's request and of the manner and time in which to request participation in the proceeding. No Petitions to Intervene or comments were received regarding Tel-Link's request.

Upon consideration of this matter, the Commission finds that Tel-Link's request should be approved. The Commission has not received opposition to the request, and the Commission has approved similar regulatory treatment for other carriers. Therefore, the Commission concludes that Tel-Link should be regulated in a manner similar to that methodology granted to NewSouth Communications by Order No. 98-165 in Docket No. 97-467-C, as outlined above.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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